

**REMARKS**

**Status of the Claims**

Claims 1 and 9-12 are pending. Claims 2-8 are canceled. In the Amendment, Claims 1, 4, and 11 were combined.

**Restriction Requirement**

In the Restriction Requirement mailed September 14, 2007, the Examiner divided the claims into 2 Groups.

For the purposes of initiating prosecution with respect to this application, Applicant elects:

Group I, Claims 1-11.

This election is with traverse.

Further to the amendment above, Applicants respectfully submit that all the pending claims share the “technical feature” – the ringed compound, required by PCT Rule 13.2. The “element shown in the art” is significantly distinguishable from the current claimed compounds. Please see the international search report.

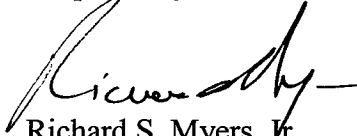
Thus, Applicants respectfully that all the pending claims are considered as per the PCT Rules.

Nonetheless, Applicants specifically reserve the right to rejoin the claims of Groups II pursuant to the rejoinder procedures set forth in MPEP § 820.04, if available, upon the allowance of the elected claims.

No fee is required for this response. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment associated with this amendment to Deposit Account 50-2752.

If the Examiner has any questions concerning this election or the Application in general, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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